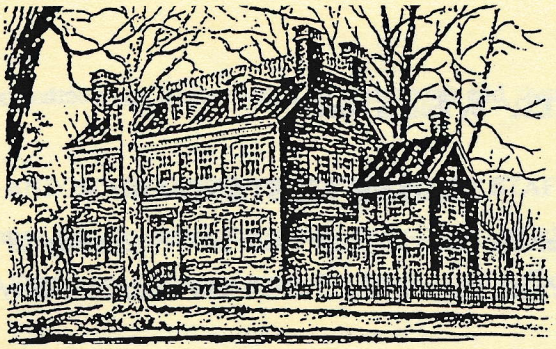


THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER

The Society's annual Candlelight Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1998 at Tavistock Country Club. Paula Spilner, our guest speaker, will interest all with her program, "The Professional and the Primitive: The Philadelphia Painters Benjamin West and Edward Hicks." Her talk will be illustrated with slides.

Join us for an informative evening of fellowship and fun. Informal greetings begin at 6:30 P.M. with dinner following at 7:30. Reservations are $28.00 per person; a form has been included in this *Bulletin* for your convenience. Please make your reservations before March 14. For further information, call our office at (609) 429-7375.

A TALE OF TWO PHILADELPHIA ARTISTS

Lecturer, teacher, art historian and author, Paula Spilner will be the guest speaker at the Society's annual Candlelight Dinner on March 18. Aware of Haddonfield's Quaker heritage, Ms. Spilner has chosen to speak on "The Professional and the Primitive: The Philadelphia Painters Benjamin West and Edward Hicks." Her talk will explore in words and pictures two men who achieved artistic renown in their day, but whose paths to success represent diametrically opposed philosophies of art and its role in society.

As a visiting professor, Ms. Spilner has taught undergraduate courses in a variety of art and architecture related subjects, including History of Art (Paleolithic to Modern), History of Architecture (Neolithic to Postmodern), Renaissance Art, and Gothic Art in Italy, at Columbia University, New York University, the University of Delaware and other East Coast universities. In the summer of 1997, she introduced students at New York University's La Pietra campus in Florence, Italy, to the monuments of that city.

The Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians has published her writings, and her articles on Florentine urban history are included in Macmillan's *The Dictionary of Art*. Presently, she is completing an article based on papers she discovered in the Florentine State Archives - "The Case of the Missing Maestà: Bernardo Daddi's High Altarpiece for Florentine Cathedral," and a monograph discussing Florentine Urban Development 1282-1348.

Ms. Spilner has both a Masters degree and a Ph.D. from Columbia University in Art and in Philosophy. As a member of the Foundation for Architecture, she serves as volunteer tour guide and lecturer. In addition, she developed two new programs for the Foundation: a lecture series on Philadelphia architects from the 18th to the 20th centuries and a walking tour based on her original research, "Girard Estates Revisited: A Planned Community in South Philadelphia."

Those who have had the pleasure of hearing Ms. Spilner welcome the opportunity to hear her again. Those who have never heard her will be entranced. Ms. Spilner promises "to do my best to provide a diverting, informative talk"...and she will.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Patricia Lennon

WHERE WE STAND

In 1990, the Society's Executive Board adopted "Vision 2000 - Preserving the Past for the Future: A Ten Year Plan." Now, the beginning of the eighth year of the plan, is a good time to review how much the Society has accomplished and what remains to be done.

The plan includes six major goals:

I. **TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF MEMBERS AND THE RESIDENTS OF HADDONFIELD AND ENVIRONS ABOUT THE MISSION AND SERVICE OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Connie Reeves' news releases appear regularly in *What's On In Haddonfield, The Haddon Herald* and *The Retrospect* and occasionally in the *Courier Post* and *The Inquirer*. And yes, news of the Society may also be seen on the Internet at www.haddonfield.com under Historical Society as well as on television's Channel 18.

II. **TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A DYNAMIC, COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAM** The focus here is on both the library and Greenfield Hall. **Library**: Under the direction of Kathy Tassini and a nucleus of five volunteers, the library is the center of activity. During its regular Tuesday and Thursday hours and one Sunday afternoon, the library attracts visitors from surrounding communities, area colleges and adjacent states seeking answers to questions about their homes or their ancestors as well as historically accurate information to complete research assignments. Ultimately, the plan calls for a paid librarian to provide library service for fifteen hours a week including evenings and weekends. **Greenfield Hall**: Much attention has been directed to Greenfield Hall during the past few years. Rooms have been painted; the back terrace has been repaired; the moisture problem in the basement has been alleviated; the building is professionally cleaned every month and summer lawn and grounds maintenance will soon resume.

Still to be developed and implemented are: An interpretive plan; rearranging the collections for better display or storage; completing a computerized inventory of all collections; developing a disaster plan. Some progress has been made. There is still much to be done.

Two other objectives are included in realizing the goal of increasing awareness: To increase access to historical information through programming and through an ongoing program of research and publication. Both are currently being addressed by the Board.

III. **TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND TO ENLARGE AND DEVELOP THE VOLUNTEER BASE OF THE SOCIETY** Here we have a major need of action. Why, in a town as conscious of its history as Haddonfield, has our membership declined? What can the Board do to reverse the trend, to make membership more attractive? Your ideas will be more than welcome!

Developing a volunteer base is another story. What we have learned is that the work to be done must be important; it must appeal to the volunteer and fit the volunteer's schedule; it must be properly organized. We will soon have such opportunities, but first, there is some basic housekeeping to be done and decisions made.

IV. **TO DEVELOP SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY** The Society is in good financial health. The Endowment Fund is growing. However, it is still short of the $250,000 minimum established some

years ago. The Finance Committee keeps a close watch on investments and, through careful budgeting, on income and expenditures.

V. **TO ATTRACT, RETAIN AND DEVELOP SUFFICIENT QUALITY STAFF TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY** For the long range, this goal anticipates hiring a staff of three - an administrator, a librarian, and a secretary. The need is real, but at this time there is not sufficient income to support a paid staff of even one.

VI. **TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HADDONFIELD AND WITHIN THE NETWORK OF RELATED HISTORICAL SOCIETIES** In addition to the many events the Society sponsors - the Village Fair, Haunted House, Holly Festival and Craft Fairs - the Society opened Greenfield Hall on Memorial Day and July 4th. It was represented at the Fall Festival and arranged a special exhibit for the first annual Doll Day in Haddonfield.

"Vision 2000" has been, and is, an excellent blueprint, giving direction and focus to our efforts. While none of the goals has been completely realized, the progress the Society has made is encouraging and will continue.

LYTLE'S DELICATASSEN

A CORRECTION

The article written by our Curator of Tool Collections, Don Wallace, in the last *Bulletin* resulted in a few letters to the Society, several mentioning the fact that Lytle's was a delicatessen which did not have a bakery. Miriam Sutton Korfhage, who presently lives in Jackson, Louisiana, writes the following:

"...Lytle's did not have a bakery. That bakery was owned by Mueller's. They lived on Mountwell Avenue. Lytle's was in several locations on the King's Highway.

I lived in Haddonfield from 1922 to 1972 and remember a great deal. My husband was from Collingswood and when he went home from my house, he would stop at Mueller's bakery and get a pie to eat on the #4 bus back to Collingswood. This was in the fall of 1942.

I remember when Lytle's was at the location you mention. Those were the days when we bought potato chips by the quarter pound and pickles in a barrel.

There is much I could write about the 'main street' and hopefully I will have time to do it."

Another reader, Florence M. Murphy, of Colorado Springs, also took exception to the article. Mrs. Murphy grew up in Haddonfield, started working with Bell Telephone Company in 1935 and, she notes, remembers "the street configuration."

She continued, "Lytle's was <u>never</u> a bakery. It was a delicatessen famous for homemade boiled ham and homemade potato salad. Originally the store was on the other side of the street not far from the railroad crossing. Then the shop moved <u>next</u> to a bakery. The alignment was Yampell's, the Telephone building with a small business in front and a rather large exchange in the rest of the building, next came the bakery whose name I do not recall - then Lytle's, then Woolworth's. The peanut machine was not used by Schlecht's Bakery, but by Lytle's when it was located next to Schlecht's. The bakery next to the Telephone Company was not Schlecht's."

We'd like to encourage Mrs. Korfhage and Mrs. Murphy, as well as any other interested residents or former residents, to write about their memories of Haddonfield. It's through the experiences of people that our town continues to present its vibrancy and meaning. We are always grateful for your interest in our publication and the Society as a whole.

Don Wallace replies that he "stands corrected. The only purchases I ever made at Lytle's were peanuts and pies."

A REMINDER

All Board members and Committee chairs are asked to prepare a realistic estimate of their expenses for the coming year and have it ready for the April 1 Board meeting. This information is needed so that Helene Zimmer-Loew and the Finance Committee can prepare a budget for the fiscal year 1998-1999 which balances actual needs in relation to anticipated income.

TOOLS GALORE by Connie Reeves

Tools. Those wonderful instruments which have helped man progress throughout the ages. The means by which he has become more efficient, more capable of performing various jobs and otherwise difficult tasks. Tools have made it possible for us to advance to today's computer age, to be able to conquer diseases and even to clone some forms of life.

The Historical Society of Haddonfield has been collecting tools relating to our town and the surrounding area ever since its inception. Our basement attests to that fact. We have tools used by farmers, carpenters, coopers, shoemakers, et al. What was missing for much of the time was organization.

It was during the early '70's that Bill Reifsteck, a high school student, cataloged and arranged many of the tools and instruments stored in the basement as part of his Eagle Scout service. Bill sketched and described, as well as tagged and numbered, each tool, truly a remarkable accomplishment. The material was arranged in a catalog kept as a reference in our library.

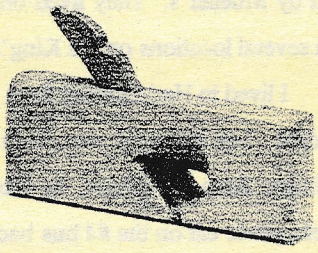
During the subsequent quarter of a century, some programs were built around the collection but little was done in the basement as the tools once again gathered dust and more donations increased the size of the collection. That is, until the advent of our tool man, our Curator of Tool Collections, Don Wallace.

Don took on the monumental job of cleaning, classifying, and documenting our extensive tool collection in the early part of 1996. He is retaining much of Bill Reifsteck's work and appreciates the base Bill presented. Don convinced his friends, Larry Alff and Gus Winder, to help in volunteer projects repairing basement walls and windows, painting the walls and generally getting the tools reorganized. He and some of his crew can usually be found working away in Greenfield Hall every Monday morning.

But Don has a larger vision. It is his hope to set up the basement in areas, each one emphasizing some profession, business or craft which has functioned in Haddonfield, with the appropriate tools on display. Along with that idea, Don wanted to be able to photograph and catalog all the tools, making the resulting pictures available for slide presentations and cataloging on computer disks. Perhaps, he thought, that would be a goal a few years away.

Fortunately, Don confided his idea to a high school buddy, Norman Stuessy. The two men and the young ladies who became their wives had graduated from Haddonfield Memorial High School in 1950 and remained friends over the years. Norm is a former marketing communications consultant who, in his words "dabbles in custom made electronic flash equipment for professional photographers, desktop publishing, dollhouse furniture, and portrait photography." He is aware of all the new advancements in the field of photography and has the expertise to take advantage of them.

Moreover, Norm, who now resides in Moorestown, has always been impressed with Greenfield Hall's architecture. About twenty years ago he had built two scale model dollhouses of the building for his daughter and for a friend of his daughter. The project, along with pictures and details, is described in the magazine, *Miniature and Dollhouse Crafts*, September 1979, and is the subject of an entire chapter in *The Complete Dollhouse Building Book*, by Kathryn Falk and Edleycoe Griek, published in 1982 by Bobbs-Merrill Co., Inc.



Don's idea was a challenge for Norm who said that he'd be willing to take the photographs at no charge if the Society would supply the money necessary for the film and development. Don presented the proposal to our Executive Board along with samples of photos of our tools which Norm had produced. The Board gave its approval.

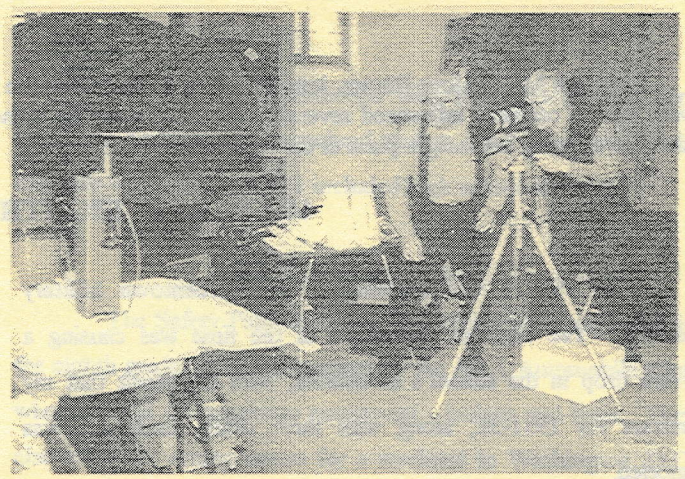
That was back in October of 1997. A third man was still needed to complete the team, someone who could set up a data base on the computer to organize all the background information about each artifact. Don called upon Ed Reeves who had brought the Society into the computer age during the '80's when he set up the membership materials on the computer.

The project was begun the first week in November. In

February of 1998, after hundreds of volunteer hours put in by the team, all of the Society's tools, with the exception of some large ones, have been photographed, cataloged, developed into slide format and preserved on computer photo CD's. The records of more than 800 tools have been saved in the computer and on disks as well as in two large catalogs.

A wealth of information has now been preserved for the Society. The computer data base alone contains vital information about each tool: its name; assigned classification number; dimensions; construction material; who, as a tradesman or craftsman used it; its condition; its value in today's dollars as seen by the curator; and the name of the donor to the Society when known.

Future usage of the photographs includes not only slide presentations but also booklets, posters, note cards, etc. We are limited only by our imaginations.



Don and Norm photographing old intercom

The Society is most grateful to these three men who had not only the vision and the ability but also the persistence to bring such an enormous project to fruition.

AN EARLY HADDONFIELD CLOCK MAKER

by Betty and Stuart Lyons

John Whitehead was born in Philadelphia on January 30, 1791, of English parents who died when he was six years old. He became both a jewelry and clock maker. However, although he was a jeweler, he apparently never used his silver mark on his work. In 1821 he moved to Haddonfield and bought the business of Job Hollinshead, a clock maker who had been in business for a number of years building tall clocks in Camden and Burlington Counties. This establishment was located on the northwest side of King's Highway, just a few buildings west of the Indian King. His business neighbors were Zaccheus Logan, a shoemaker and Franklin Eggman, a tailor.

In 1824 John Whitehead married Anna B. Ellis, daughter of Aaron and Increase Ellis who lived in the vicinity of Munn Avenue. The newlyweds chose a house on the opposite side of the street from his business, next to the old Haddon House on King's Highway and Potter Street where their two children, William and Mary, were born.

Between 1824 and 1848 he was the only clockmaker in South Jersey. In 1830 he made a double faced clock for the Cumberland Nail and Iron Company of Bridgeton. The mechanism operates a dial on the exterior of the office building, and another on the inside of the wall. A paneled and molded case resembling that of a tall case clock houses the clock works, and is on the inside wall of the building.

Whitehead and his family moved to 461 North 10th Street in Philadelphia where he operated a jewelry and clock store; their dwelling was in the rear of the shop. His daughter, Mary, married Oliver Arment of Philadelphia. His son, William, married Sarah G. Voorhees of Ohio. After John's death on August 5, 1875, William carried on the business.

There are a number of Whitehead clocks in the area, still keeping good time. They are handsome clocks which include his name, the date and a painting of an ornate basket of flowers. Unlike most of the clocks made by contemporary clock makers, there was no moon on the face of his clock. The Sheraton walnut cases for his grandfather clocks were made by William Githens, an undertaker and cabinet maker who lived at 19 Potter Street. Although of different designs, they frequently had a hood with a fluted scroll top finished in rosettes, with chambered corners. Sometimes the feet were ogee brackets and sometimes a ball and toe pattern. Most of the designs were classic eighteenth century patterns. The proud owners of the clocks used turkey wing feather dusters to keep the clocks clean.

John and Anna Whitehead are buried in the Haddonfield Baptist Cemetery just up the street from their long-time residence.

Although Mr. Siddons Harper, long-time history teacher in the Haddonfield Public School system, did not spend his childhood in our town, he has certainly influenced several generations since his arrival here. His story follows. He likes to think of his experiences as examples of being in the right place at the right time.

44 YEARS IN EIGHTH GRADE by Siddons Harper

In 1931 I was teaching at the Bordentown Military Institute. The business depression of the time was causing a severe drop in the school's enrollment, with the result that my contract for 1931-32, along with three other teachers, was canceled.

I learned this in early June and began job hunting immediately. There were not many vacancies at that time since schools had already engaged their faculties for the coming year. But I did hear of a vacancy in English in the Haddonfield High School. I applied for that position.

My interview with the Superintendent, Mr. Alan Martin, was a pleasant one. Mr. Martin was familiar with the school district where I had grown up, Lower Merion Township in Pennsylvania. Finally he said that an English teacher should have a major in English and that my major was history. My inner reaction was: this is the end of the interview and still no job.

While he was talking, Mr. Martin was looking through his morning mail. He picked up a letter, looked at me and said, "Here is a letter of resignation from our eighth grade history teacher. You apply for that position."

He stated further that the Board of Education required that a Board member interview the person he recommended and that he would recommend me. Since the Board was meeting in a few days, he got on the phone to see whether an interview could be arranged before the meeting and was able to make an appointment for later that morning.

The gentleman who interviewed me was Mr. Alfred E. Driscoll, later Governor of the State of New Jersey. I had several contacts with Mr. Driscoll during the years and have always felt that he had much to do with my coming to Haddonfield.

This isn't the whole story. Having taught only in private school, I had no certification from the State of New Jersey entitling me to teach in the public schools. Jokingly, Mr. Martin told me they could hire me but they couldn't pay me without my having the proper certification. He arranged for me to go to Trenton to see what could be done. The problem was that, since I was a graduate of Haverford College, I had no "education" credits.

The result was that the state agreed to accept the Haverford credits, but I had to take "Practice Teaching," even though I had two years teaching experience. Luckily, I discovered that the University of Pennsylvania had a vacancy in their summer school program. It was given in Woodbury High School and would satisfy the requirement.

Another problem arose. The subject I was to teach was geometry. Mathematics was my worst subject and geometry was at the bottom of the list.

However, I took the job and got another break. My first class was made up of the A students who wanted advanced credit. Next came the ones who had flunked and wanted to make up the credit. My teaching experience came to my rescue. When I wasn't sure of the solution for the problem, I used the knowledge of the brightest ones to help me. So when the slower class came in, I had the solutions, usually leaving them on the blackboard. I passed the course and had the proper certification for eighth grade history.

So, for the next 44 years I taught history in the eighth grade of the Haddonfield Public School system. Some of my friends have joked with me about never getting out of eighth grade. All joking aside, I have enjoyed very much my time spent in that position.

OTHER HADDONFIELD EXPERIENCES

SCOUTING

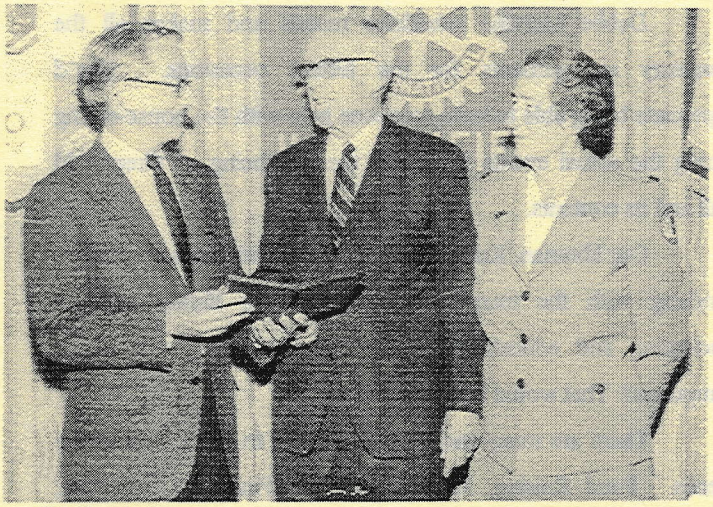
I had an unexpected and unusual start in adult Scouting. The history book we were using in eighth grade had a picture of a World War I poster of Boy Scouts selling Liberty Bonds.

In November 1934, several boys in one of my classes stopped by my desk and commented on the picture. My reply was the I remembered being a Boy Scout and selling those bonds.

"You were!" was their reply.

Several weeks later they stopped again. "Mr. Harper, we have a fine Scout troop. Won't you come to our next meeting to visit with us?"

I accepted their invitation. What they hadn't told me was that their Scoutmaster was moving to New England and they would be without a leader in a few weeks. I suppose again I was at the right place at the right time. I became their Scoutmaster and today, 64 years later, I am still active as Treasurer and Troop Committeeman of Troop 65 in Haddonfield.



Bob Twitchell presenting Mr. Harper with the "What's Right with America" award for community service at a Rotary luncheon during the '60's. Mrs. Harper, a Red Cross driver, "came as she was."

THE JERSEYMEN CLUBS

The Historical Society of New Jersey created the Jerseymen Clubs to spread knowledge of New Jersey and its history. Clubs existed all over the state in high schools and middle schools. I sponsored one in Haddonfield for a few years.

Part of the program included member schools hosting a meeting with guests from all over the state. When it was our turn, we formed two groups of our members. Each group was trained to act as guides at our most historical sites - the Indian King and Greenfield Hall - at alternate times.

Each year the New Jersey Historical Society had an essay contest. One year their subject was the State Constitution of 1947. Andrew Lax, one of our members, conceived the idea of interviewing Mr. Alfred Driscoll who, as Governor, had reorganized the state government to conform to the new constitution. He asked me to see if an interview could be arranged.

The subsequent interview with Mr. Driscoll was very helpful to Andrew, a junior school student, who won first prize in the state-wide contest which included high school students.

THE SAFETY PATROL

The Safety Patrol program was active for many years in the eighth grade. It was sponsored by the AAA Automobile Club who supplied the necessary equipment - badges and belts. They also made the arrangements for a weekend in Washington, D.C. near the end of the school year. Payment for the trip was not included. That was the responsibility of the troop.

After the first few years of struggling to raise the money for the trip, our Board of Education recognized the good work the patrol was doing by paying for the transportation and lodging for the weekend.

The patrolmen were eighth grade boys. Comments were made that Mr. Harper favored boys, but the reason that girls were not invited was a simple one: the Washington weekend. We could never get any of the women teachers to help sponsor and I was certainly not going to take a group of both girls and boys on a weekend trip without a lady teacher chaperone.

During the war years, from 1942 until 1947, there was no Washington trip. Instead, the patrolmen had a picnic day at a local amusement park.

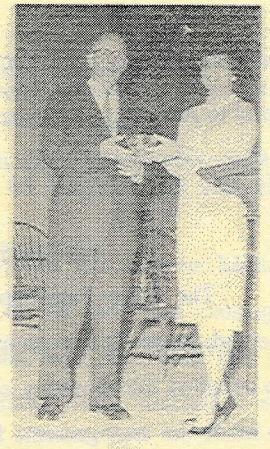
The patrol guarded street crossings around and near the school. They held court hearings for violators. Serious violations were referred to the faculty. Over the years there was not too much trouble. This indicated good work by the patrolmen and respect from the students.

There were, of course, many amusing incidents, especially on the Washington trip. One that always comes to mind is the following:

Around 2:00 A.M., a light was on in one of the rooms near mine. I went to investigate, and since I had a master key, getting into the room was no problem. Three of the four boys were in bed pretending to be asleep. The fourth one was standing by his bed. I asked why he was out of bed and he replied that he was going to brush his teeth.

So I told him that that was a fine activity, to go ahead and brush them. I stood by the bathroom door while he did it.

The next morning his roommates were getting a big laugh out of the incident. They told me that their friend had been so shaken up that he brushed his teeth with Brylcreme.



Mr. Harper and PTA President Barbara Crane, 1964

Editor's Note: On May 6, 1992, the Haddonfield Civic Association presented The Governor Alfred E. Driscoll Service Award to Siddons Harper, Jr. in recognition of his outstanding service in the Borough of Haddonfield.

TAKE A CHANCE

You'll have an additional treat when you come to our Candlelight Dinner at Tavistock. A floral watercolor will be raffled that evening. For only $5.00 per ticket, you'll have a chance to go home with not only lovely memories but also a beautiful work of art.

Jean Fisher Kosich painted the watercolor especially for the Historical Society. She is a 1949 graduate of Haddonfield Memorial High School who won the Haddon Fortnightly Scholarship and attended the Museum School of the Arts.

Jean's family owned and operated Fisher's Antiques on King's Highway next to the Borough Hall from 1938 to 1963. When her father died about the same time she graduated from college, she returned to Haddonfield to help her mother run the business. Later she taught school and acted as art supervisor for eleven years before retiring to have a family.

Today, Jean and her husband keep active with skiing and tennis. She continues to paint, occasionally donating treasures to a favorite organization - the DAR, the Fortnightly, and now the Historical Society. We appreciate her generous contribution.

A BIT OF BACKGROUND

The Philadelphia artist, Edward Hicks, is perhaps best known for his painting, "The Peaceable Kingdom." The work depicts his belief, as a Quaker, that Pennsylvania was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy of justice and gentleness between men and beasts.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Let's get involved! The Society presents many volunteer opportunities for you, from manning the office on a once-a-week basis or house sitting when there are rentals to doing research in the library or setting up exhibits.

Sheila Hawkes has been coming to the office regularly once a week for several years. She answers the telephone, sorts the mail, and occasionally shows Greenfield Hall to visitors. More volunteers would enable us to be open more days.

Debbe Mervine schedules rentals and makes all the necessary arrangements for the festive occasions. She'd appreciate being able to have someone help with the house-sitting during the actual events to ensure the well-being of Greenfield Hall and its contents.

Our librarian, Kathy Tassini, always welcomes assistance. Working with the many collections in the library can be fascinating and educational. Are you knowledgeable about computers? That would be a real plus.

There are many more opportunities to work behind the scenes. Fund Raising, Membership, the Finance Committee, Building and Grounds, Exhibits, Collections, Publicity and the *Bulletin* - all these committees are important, integral parts of the Society and each one has a place for you.

So, it's up to you. Call the office at 429-7375 to find out how volunteering can add a wonderful new dimension to your life. We're waiting for your call.

CORNERS AND CLOSETS

by Nancy Burrough

Cold winter days are good times to dig into corners and closets. Who knows what may turn up. When you're redecorating, downsizing, moving or just good old cleaning and wondering why you're saving this and that, please remember that the Village Fair is on June 6 and all donations are tax deductible.

Once again we will be accepting items on consignment. We can provide pick-up service if needed.

Do you have any questions? Please call me at 429-8361 or call the office at Greenfield Hall, 429-7375, and leave a message. We very much appreciate your support.

THE FIRST TIME

The Haddonfield Crafters will present their first spring show ever on March 24 and 25 in Greenfield Hall. The artisans' collections will feature spring crafts, including Easter and Mother's Day items. The same crafters who have presented their quality show for the past five years in Greenfield Hall during November will be represented at this new show.

On Tuesday, March 24, the doors will open at 3:00 in the afternoon, closing at 8:00 in the evening; on Wednesday, March 25, the hours will be 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M Admission for the first day is $3.00, for the second day, $1. Donations will benefit our Society.

Look for hand-decorated eggs, bunnies and chicks along with dried flowers, folk art, dolls, jewelry and much more. A new craft will feature photographs. Bancroft School will sell spring plants grown at the school. Everyone attending will have the opportunity to win the drawing for a special artisans' gift basket.

Be sure to come out and help make this another successful venture for both the Crafters and the Society.

GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

If you are interested in doing research about your genealogy, here's a conference you won't want to miss. On Saturday, March 28, the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Gloucester County Historical Society will host their first joint conference. Entitled *Not Only Washington Crossed the Delaware,* the conference will highlight important records for both New Jersey and Pennsylvania research, as well as unique sources to help in finding ancestors on both sides of the Delaware River.

The day will begin with coffee and registration at 8:30 A.M. with the first hourly session starting at 10:00. The last session will end at 4:30 P.M. Each participant will be able to attend 4 of 14 sessions. Lunch is included in the $50.00 conference fee. The registration deadline is March 18.

Titles of each of the sessions are available in the office in Greenfield Hall. For further information, telephone either:

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

(215) 545-0391 or

Gloucester County Historical Society

(609) 845-4771

A SUCCESSFUL DAY

by Nancy Burrough

'Twas two weeks before Christmas and preparation time for the Holly Festival. All through the house the workers were as busy as any elf Santa ever knew. The fresh-greens arrangers were working their magic while off in the dining room luminaria were being packaged so that our town would be glowing on Christmas Eve. On Friday, the baked goods began arriving: cookies, cakes, pies, muffins, truly treats of delight.

Saturday, the day of the Holly Festival, was a perfect one to display our holly and greens outside. Inside, the house was abuzz with crafters, fresh arrangements, and baked goods to weaken even the strongest resolve. Business was brisk in our newly opened commemoratives' shop.

Throughout the day, as all went about their work, as neighbors and friends came and went, the familiar greeting "Merry Christmas" could be heard everywhere. Long before closing time, we had sold out of everything.

It was such a successful Festival because it was a united effort with so many people pitching in to help. The list of workers is too long to print but our "thanks to one and all" is truly from the heart.

DOLLS ON THE MOVE

Dolls are the second most popular item being collected in our country today and we've decided it's time to show off our own wonderful collection. So our dolls are on the move - from being stored on the third floor to being displayed on the second.

It was decided that the fourth bedroom, which has just been cleaned and painted, would be the perfect place for our unique collection. Tom Applegate has brought cabinet units down from the third floor for display purposes. Shirley Raynor, our doll expert, is busy relocating and refurbishing our many dolls. She is in Greenfield Hall every Tuesday morning and will welcome your help - no experience is necessary. Call her at 428-6791 and talk to her about what you can do to help make this an outstanding exhibit. Shirley is willing to be flexible, so if Tuesday is not convenient, call her to make other arrangements. Any assistance you can give will be most appreciated. Besides, you'll have fun working with these bygone treasures.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Deborah Mervine, Chair, Joe Haro, Thomas Reilly, and Barbara Crane, has presented the following partial slate for this year's elections which will take place at the Candlelight Dinner. To fill the offices of four Trustees with terms expiring in 2001: Richard Bird, Jack Tarditi, Deborah Troemner, and Deborah Mervine.

The Committee is still hard at work filling slots for the Vice-Presidency. If you have any questions about any of these positions or want to volunteer to be included on the slate, please call Debbe at 428-0053.

COME AND SEE

Have you visited the new store set up in the office of Greenfield Hall? If you haven't, you're in for a big treat when you come by to see the imaginative displays arranged by Dinny Traver and her helpers. All the items for sale feature Haddonfield or the Society, including a new coloring book on our town.

The Society's books and publications are also for sale. Remember that as a member you'll receive a 10% discount on your purchases.

AN ONGOING ENDEAVOR

A volunteer committee of Board members will meet on March 20 at 9:30 A.M. in Greenfield Hall to undertake a project which will develop the use of and storage on the second and third floors of the mansion. A step-by-step plan will be developed to accomplish this goal. Participants are: Tom Applegate, Nancy Burrough, Barbara Crane, Connie Reeves, and Dinny Traver.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that the colors of our State flag, adopted in 1896, had been chosen by George Washington? The buff background with the State Seal emblazoned in blue on its center reflect insignia of the state's Dutch settlers.

The Great Seal of the State of New Jersey was authorized on October 3, 1776 and amended in 1928 by a joint resolution of the legislature. The figure on the left of the Seal is Liberty. On the right is Ceres, goddess of vegetation and symbol of prosperity and abundance. Plows on the shield indicate the importance of the state's agricultural industry. The horse's head reflects New Jersey's state animal, emblematic of speed, strength and usefulness in war or commerce. The helmet indicates sovereignty and the supremacy of the human mind in all civilized life.

Our state motto, "Liberty and Prosperity," appears on both the State Seal and the State flag.



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MEMBERSHIP

We all extend a big welcome to our new members,

Adele Carroll and *Carol McLaughlin.*

We look forward to meeting you at the

☺☺ Candlelight Dinner and other Society functions. ☺☺

It won't be long before May, our Membership Month, will be here.

You can all play a part in helping to increase our membership by telling your neighbors, friends, relatives and associates about us. Bring them to one of our programs. Let them read your ***Bulletin.*** Give them an application form or call us and we'll mail one to them. Thanks for your help.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Historical Society of Haddonfield 1995-1996

I (We) want to join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

() Individual	$20.00
() Household	$35.00 includes 2 adults and all children living at same residence
() Contributing (per person)	$50.00
() Sustaining (per person)	$100.00
() Patron (per person)	$200.00
() Life Membership (per person)	$500.00

Name _____

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Please mail form to The Historical Society of Haddonfield, Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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We will __ will not __ be attending the Candlelight Dinner.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Number attending at $28. per person _____

Total _____

If you have any dietary problems, please let us know; Tavistock will be happy to accommodate you. Reserved seating will not be available. Please mail this form along with your check to the Society at 343 King's Highway East.

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